

AMENDMENT TO RULES COMM. PRINT 117-54
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Add at the end of subtitle E of title X the following:

1 SEC. 1051. DISCLOSURE OF RANSOM PAYMENTS.

2 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

3 (1) COVERED ENTITY.—The term “covered en-
4 tity”—

5 (A) means a public or private entity that
6 receives Federal defense funds; and

7 (B) does not include an individual.

8 (2) INFORMATION SYSTEM.—The term “infor-
9 mation system” has the meaning given such term in
10 section 3502 of title 44, United States Code.

11 (3) RANSOM.—The term “ransom” means
12 money or other thing of value demanded by an actor
13 from a covered entity or individual after such actor
14 gains control of an information system of such entity
15 or individual.

16 (4) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
17 the Secretary of Defense.

18 (b) DISCLOSURE REQUIRED.—Not later than 48
19 hours after a covered entity pays a ransom, the covered

1 entity shall disclose to the Secretary, in accordance with
2 subsection (b), such payment.

3 (c) CONTENTS.—A disclosure made under subsection
4 (b) shall include, with respect to the ransom at issue, the
5 following:

6 (1) The date on which such ransom was de-
7 manded.

8 (2) The date on which such ransom was paid.

9 (3) The amount of such ransom demanded.

10 (4) The amount of such ransom paid.

11 (5) An identification of the currency, including
12 if cryptocurrency, used for payment of such ransom.

13 (6) Whether the covered entity that paid such
14 ransom receives Federal funds.

15 (7) Any known information regarding the iden-
16 tity of the actor demanding such ransom.

17 (d) NONCOMPLIANCE.—The Secretary shall establish
18 by regulation appropriate penalties for a covered entity
19 that fails to make a disclosure required under subsection
20 (b).

21 (e) PUBLIC AVAILABILITY.—

22 (1) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year
23 after the date of the enactment of this Act and an-
24 nually thereafter, the Secretary shall publish on a
25 publicly available website of the Department of De-

1 fense the information disclosed under subsection (b)
2 during the preceding 1-year period, including the
3 total dollar amount of ransoms paid by covered enti-
4 ties during such period.

5 (2) EXCLUSION OF IDENTIFYING INFORMA-
6 TION.—Information that reveals the identity of a
7 covered entity that made a disclosure under sub-
8 section (b) shall be excluded from the information
9 published under paragraph (1).

